

Northampton, MA, Smith College, Special Collections, Mortimer Rare Book Collection, Ms. 291

Description: [12], 240, [4] p.

Notes: -For a fuller description of this manuscript, and the localization of the manuscript to Arras, please see Peter Kidd, blog "Medieval Manuscripts Provenance," dated 2015-07-11, at: <http://mssprovenance.blogspot.com/2015/07/a-french-13th-century-psalter-at-smith.html#more> We thank Peter Kidd for his valuable corrections and additions to this description.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 269

Direct Link: http://ds.lib.berkeley.edu/Ms.291_48

Language: Century: 13th

Part 1: 16 cm.

Description: - vellum, col. ill .

Country:

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Assigned Date: [ca. 1250]

Searchable Date Range: 1250 - 1250

Dated by scribe: No

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Notes: Ms. Probably written ca. 1250 in Arras, France, given the saints in the litany, especially St. Judoc copied in a larger script, with added colors (Judoc --or Josse or Jodocus-- was venerated in particular at the abbey dedicated to him, some 55 miles west of Arras); see image for f. 111 (=p. 211). In Latin. Text in black with frequent red, blue and gold Lombardic initials, many with filagree decoration. Nine illuminated initial lines with gilding; the first initial of the book contains an illustration of David playing bells with other musical instruments near him. Presence of unusual pattern of prick marks for ruling and scoring lines. On page 146 fabric sewn in to protect illumination; others pages with illuminations have holes which suggest that fabric formerly was sewn on these pages, too. Book begins with a calendar. Former owner's signature on front flyleaf: Louise Wood Tirrell; inscription dated 1640 on back flyleaf; manuscript annotations throughout the book. Bound in full brown leather (19th century?)

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1:

Title: [Psalter]

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Language(s):

Notes: The calendar leaves are not numbered; the rest of the book is paginated, not foliated, and p."127" is repeated. The contents are: pp. i-xii, calendar; pp. 1-176, psalms 1-150 with major illuminated initials at the usual 10-part divisions (only the first is historiated); pp. 176-208, the six ferial canticles, followed by the Te deum, Benedicite, Benedictus, Magnificat, Nunc dimittis, and Quicumque vult; pp.209-216, litany of saints, followed by petitions and collects; pp.217-220, commendation of souls; pp.220-229, office of the dead, use of Paris; p.229, prayers to Sts Elizabeth and Mary Magdalene; pp.231-233, a prayer by Maurilius of Rouen (d.1067), "Singularis meriti ..."; pp.233-239, "O intemerata ...", written for a female suppliant (a fairly early example of the prayer); pp.239-240, extract from the Gospel of John (John 1:1-14); p.240, prayers to Sts Nicaise, Thomas the apostle, Martin, and Margaret; pp.[241-242], blank except for added inscriptions; pp.[243-244], short prayers, including one to Mary Magdalene; p.[245], blank except for an added inscription.



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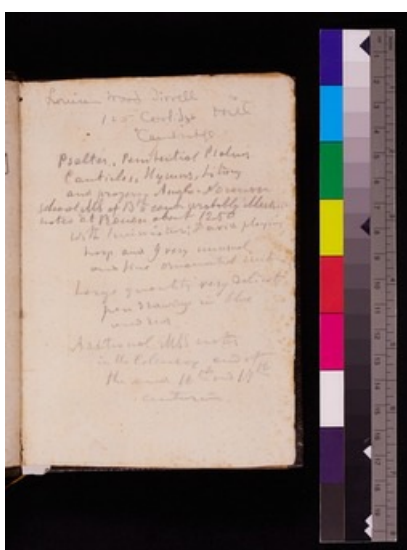
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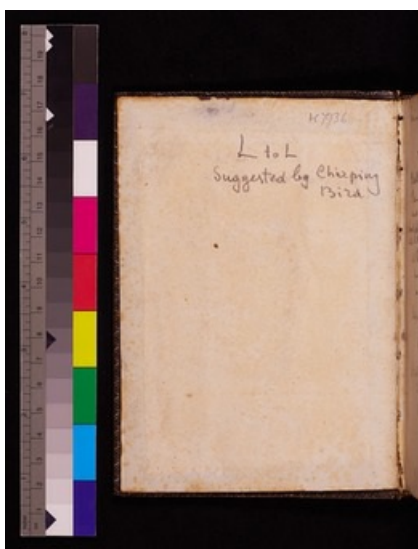
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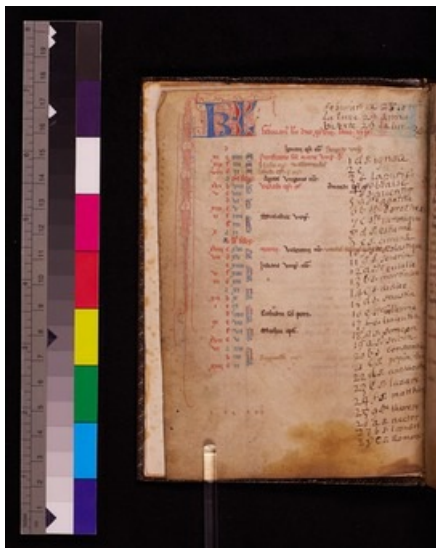
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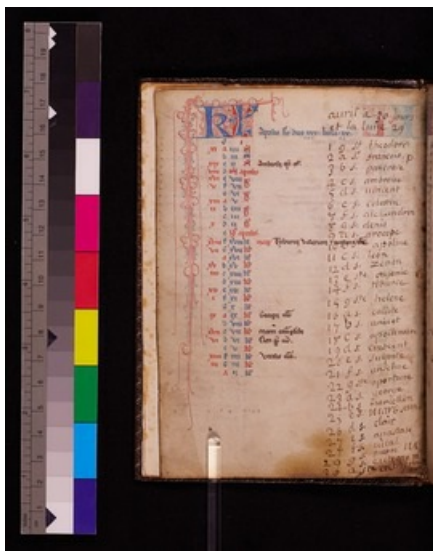
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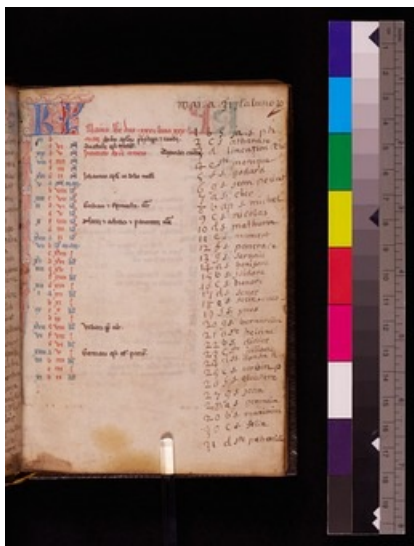
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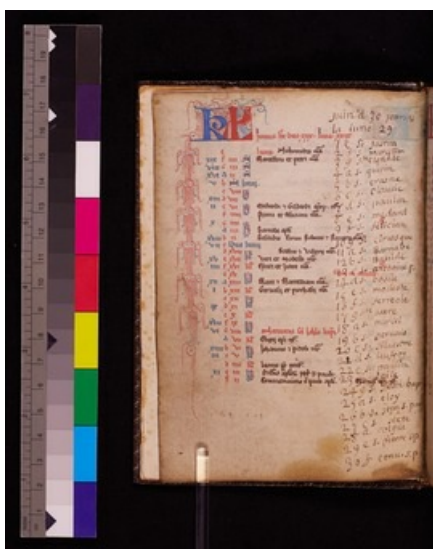
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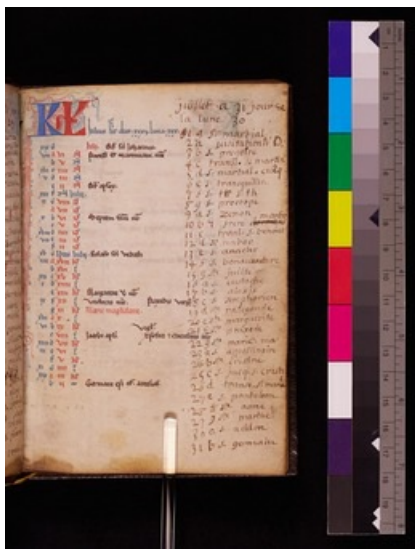
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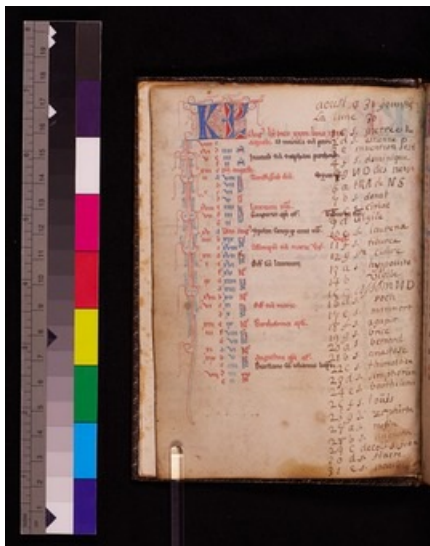
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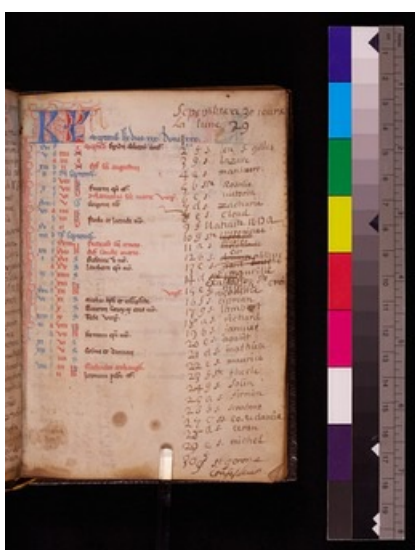
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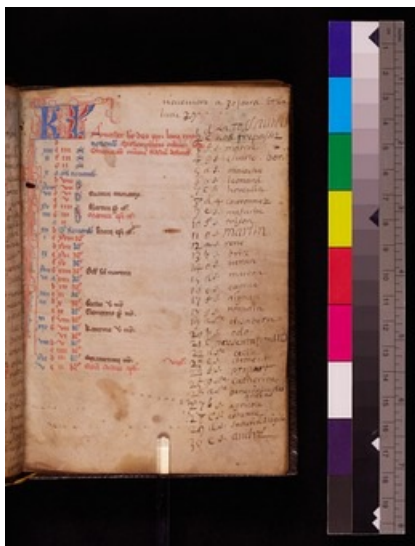
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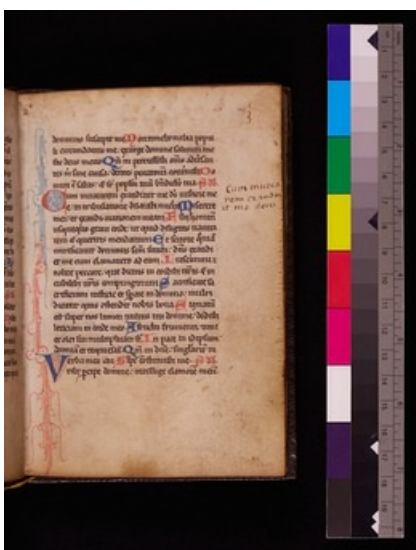
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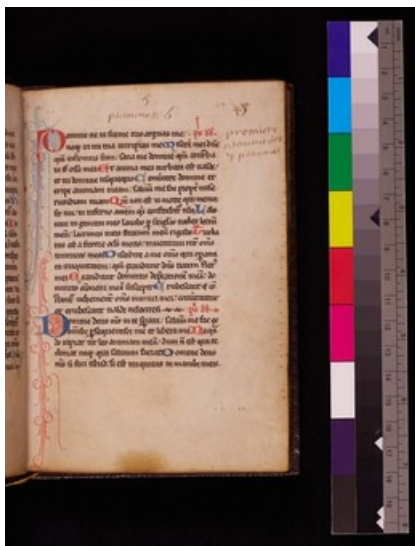
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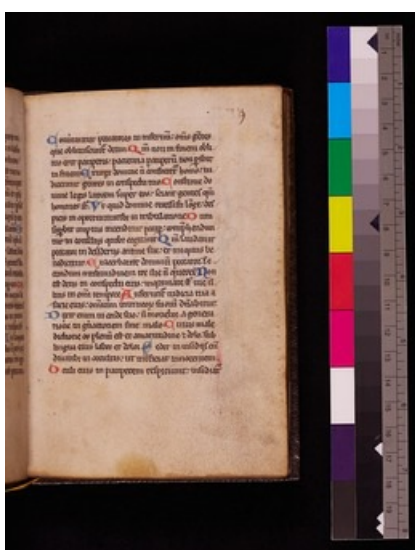
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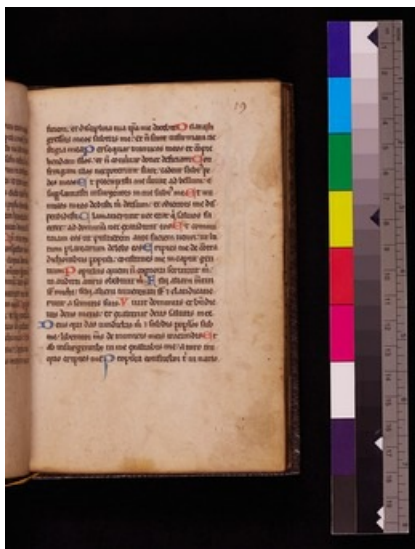
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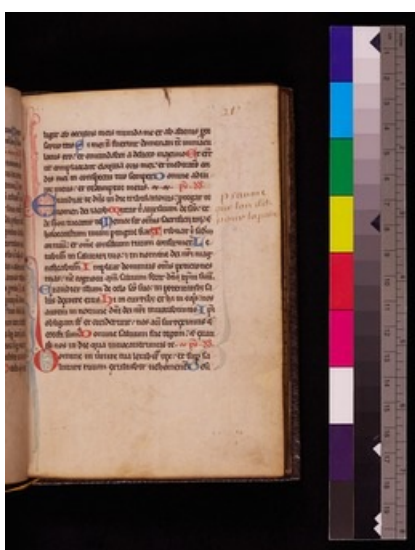
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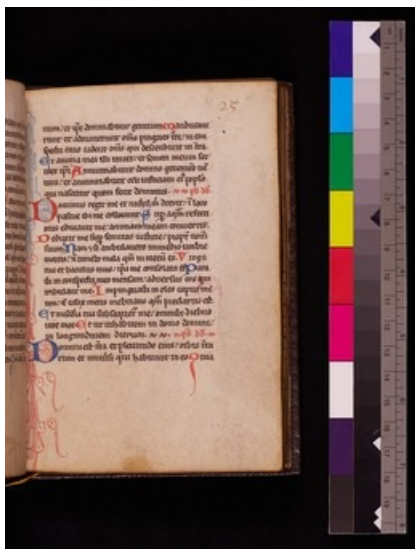
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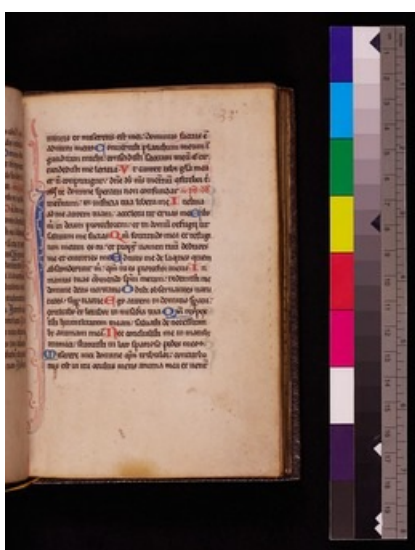
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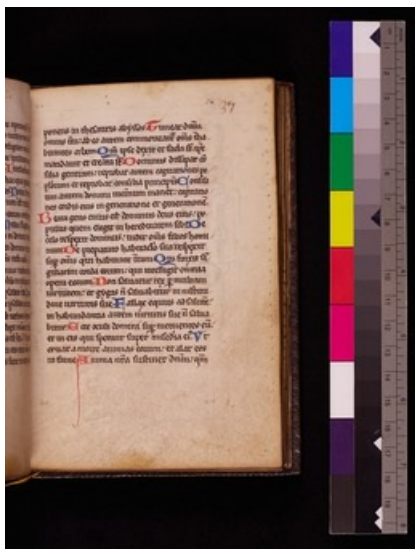
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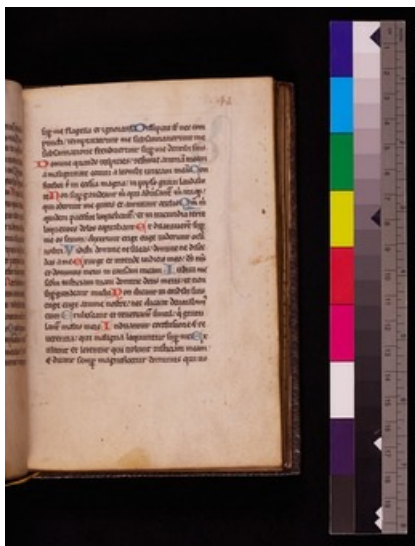
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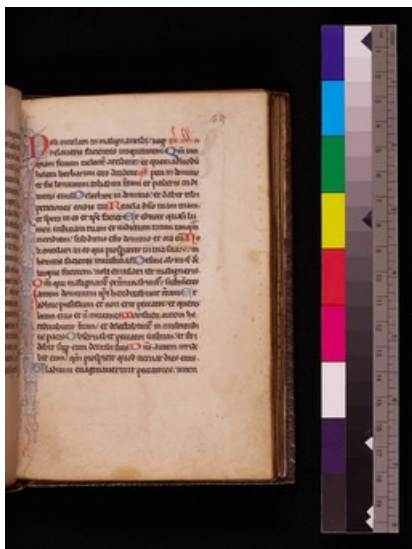
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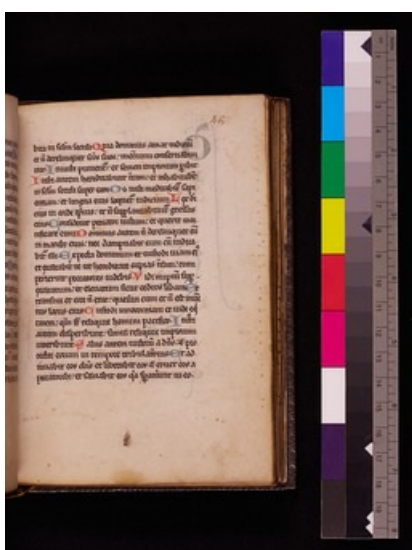
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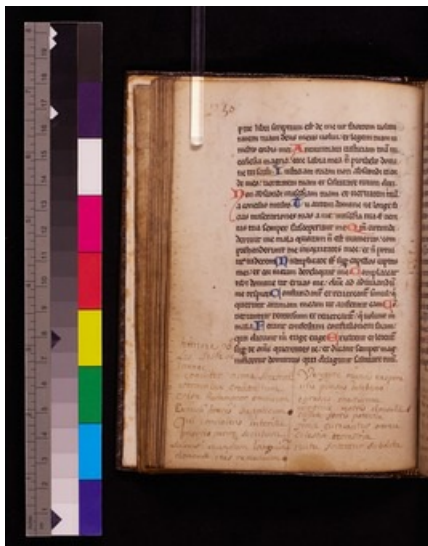
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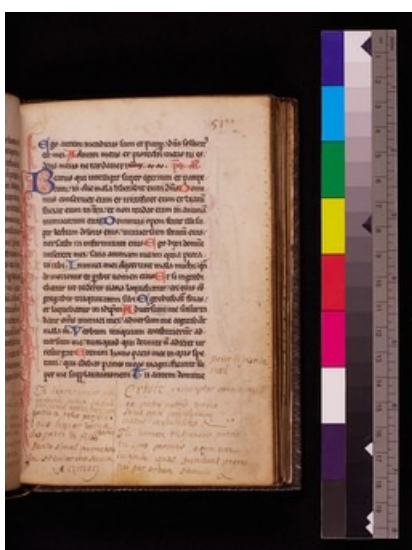
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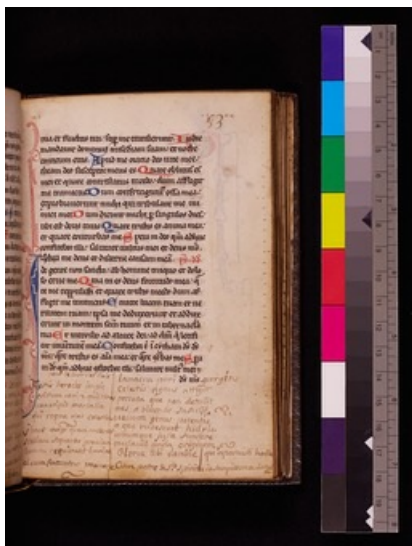
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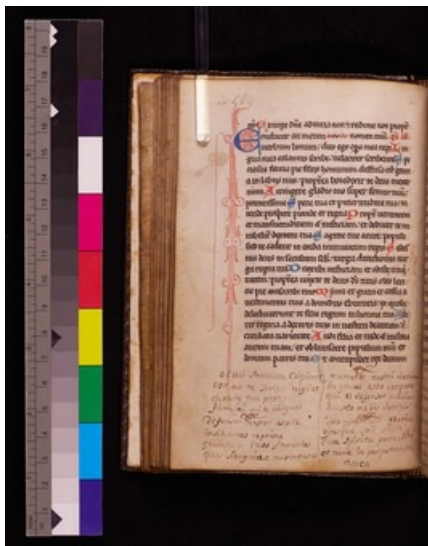
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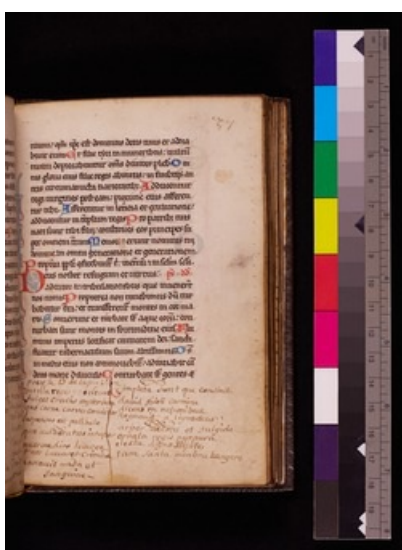
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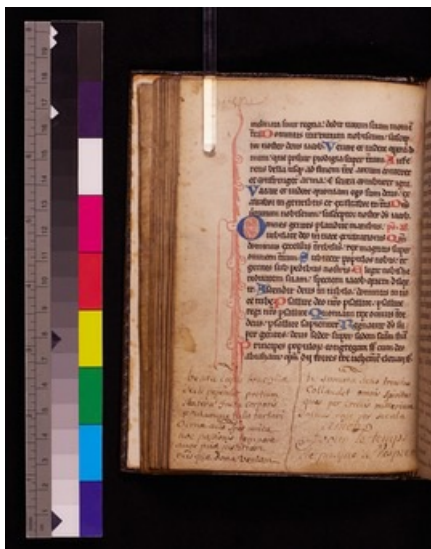
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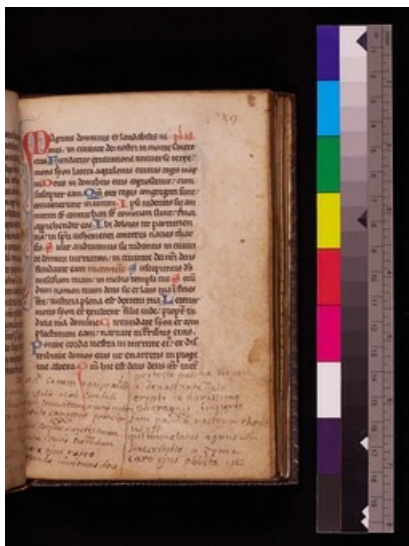
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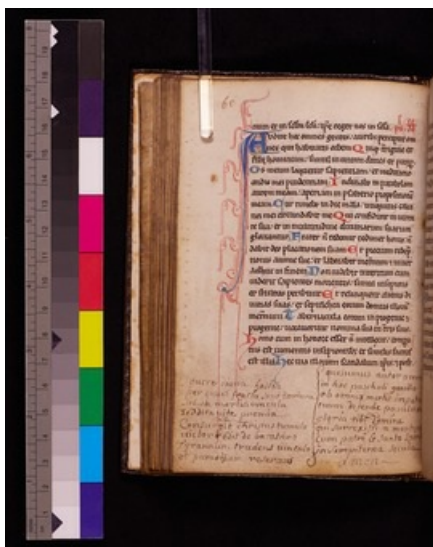
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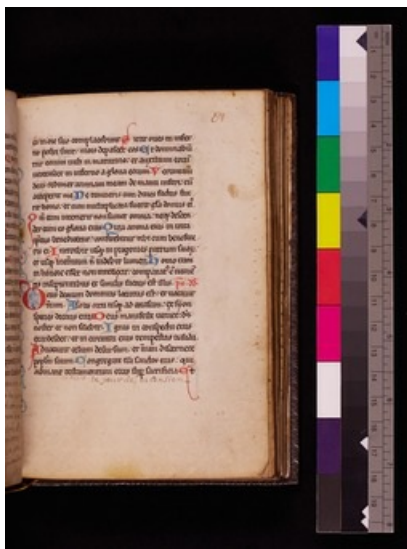
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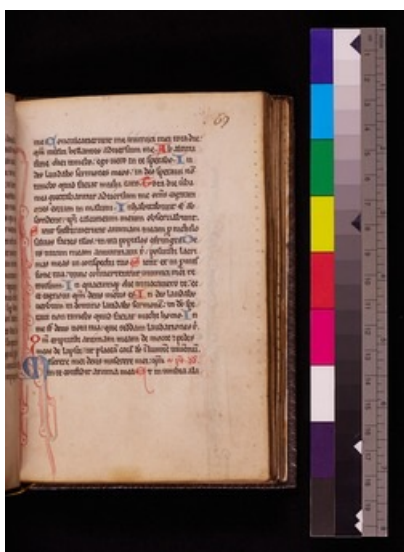
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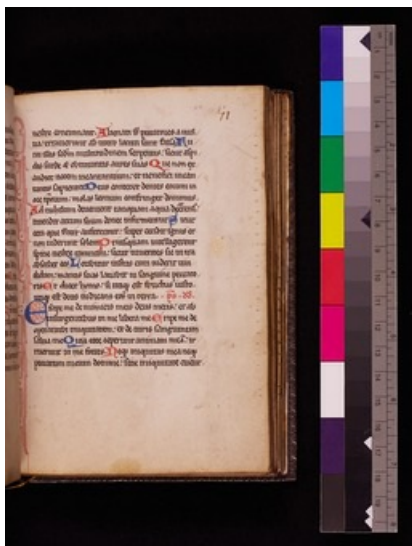
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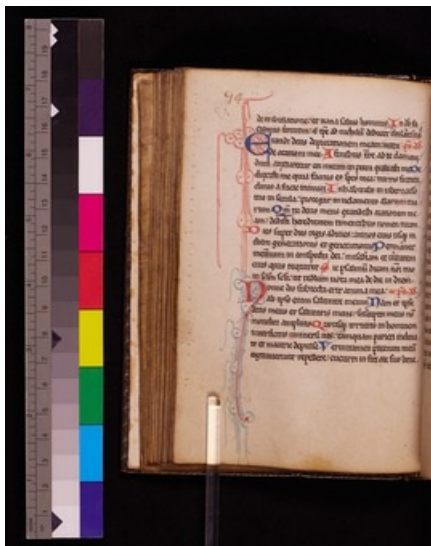
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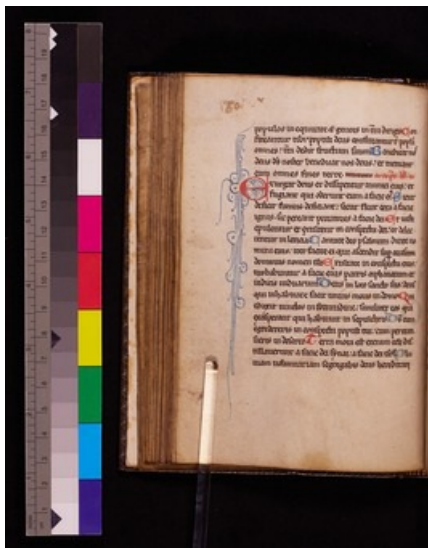
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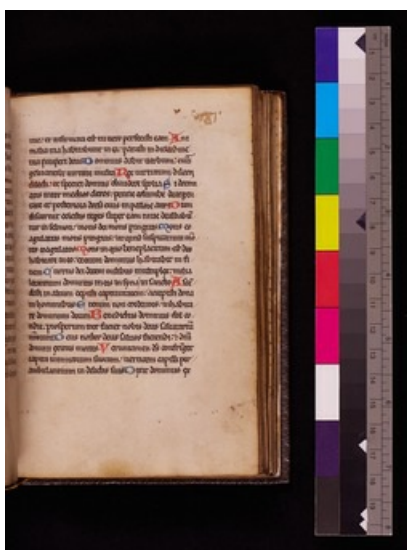
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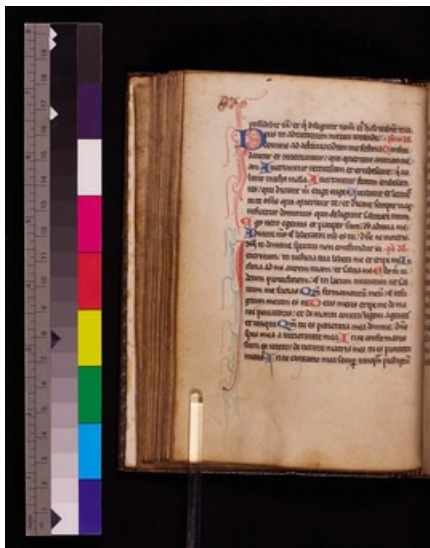
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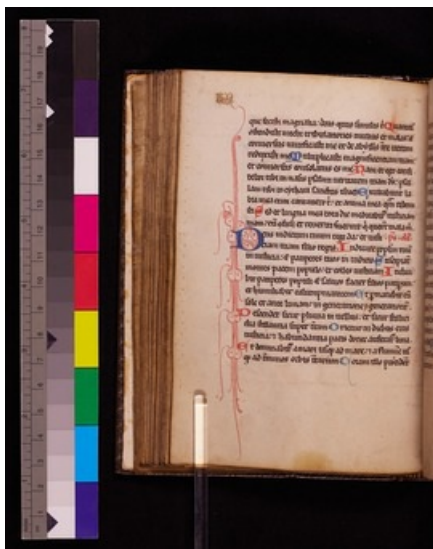
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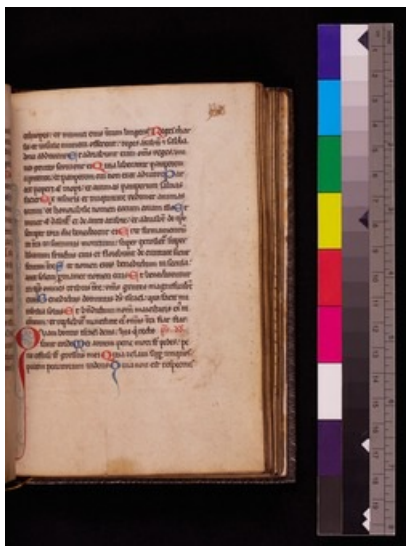
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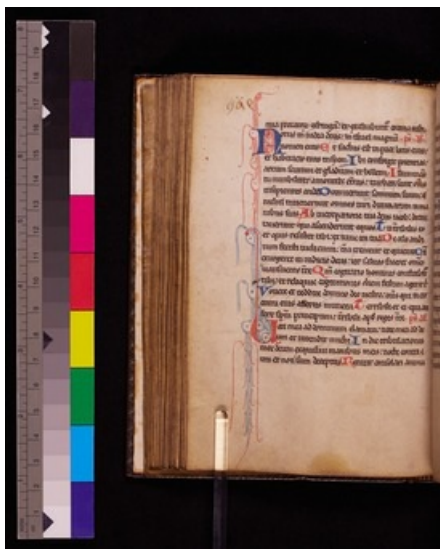
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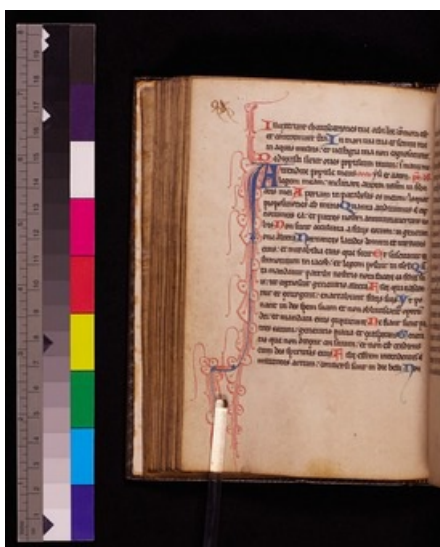
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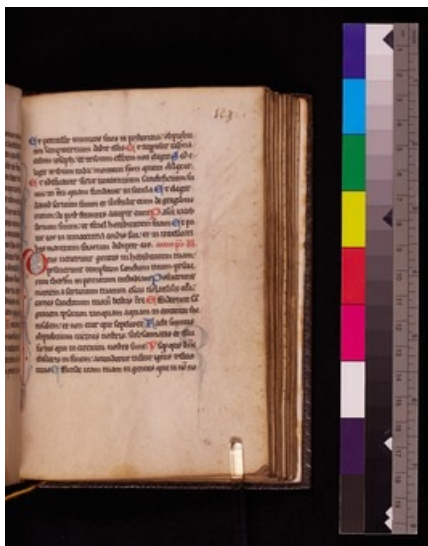
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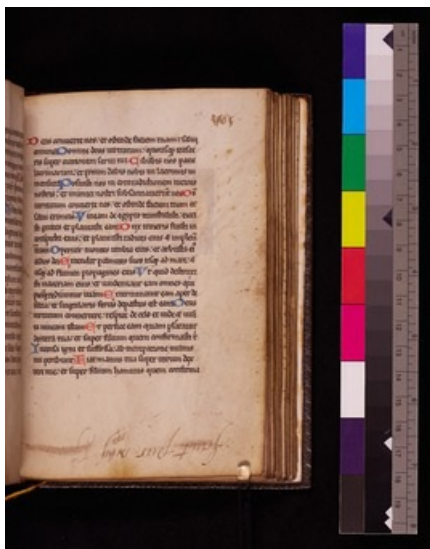
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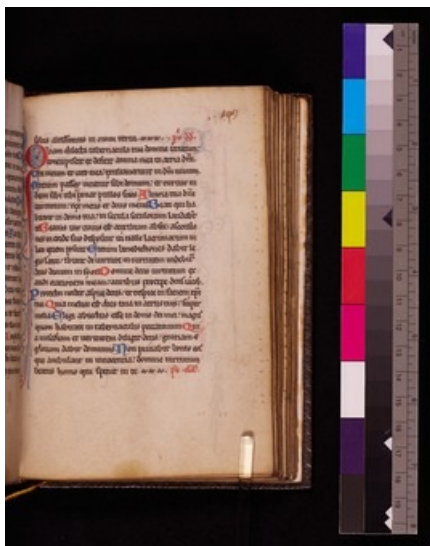
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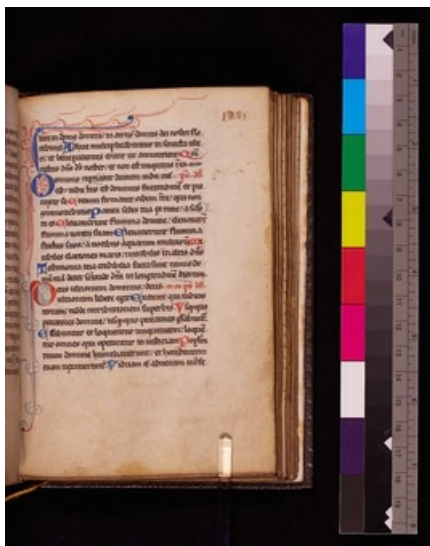
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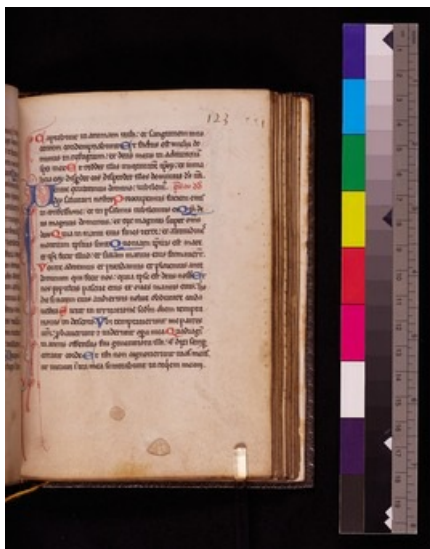
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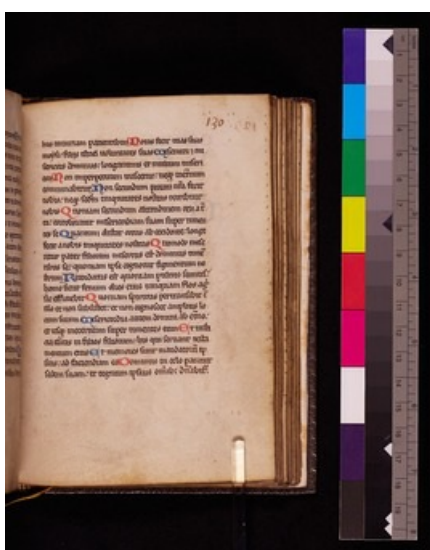
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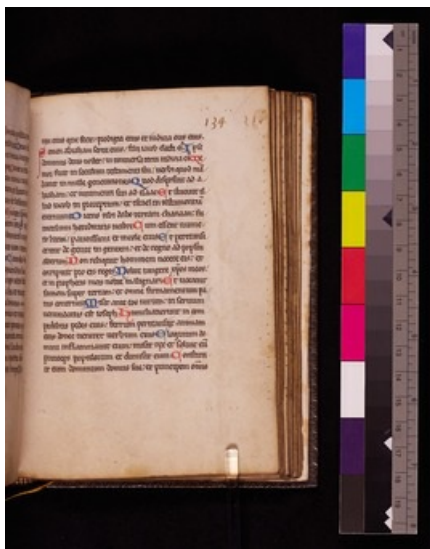
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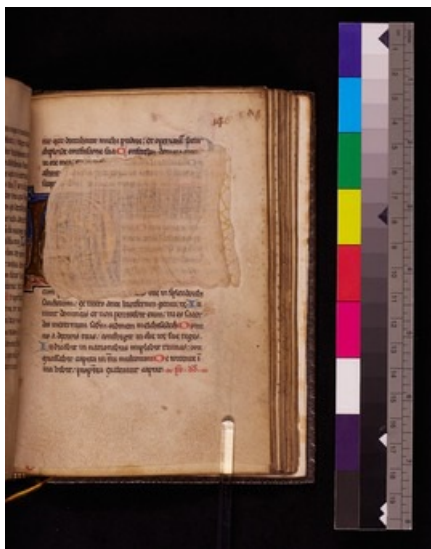
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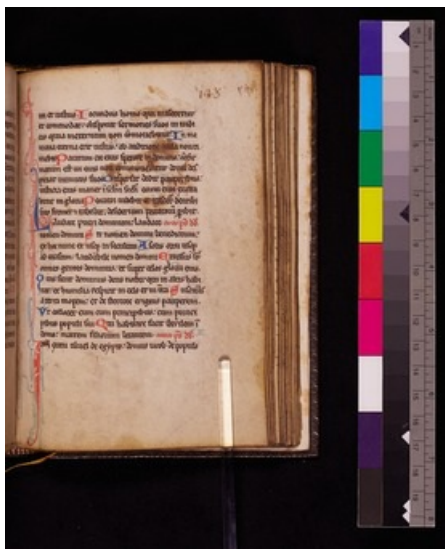
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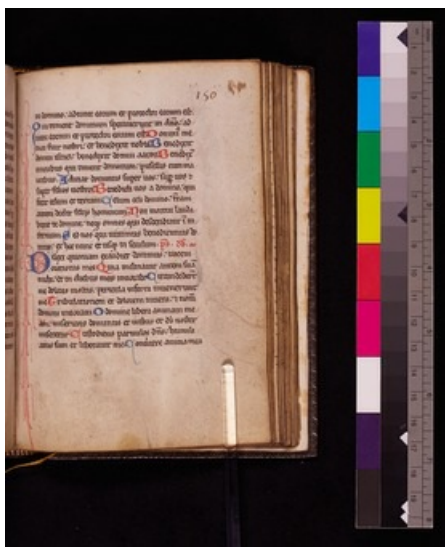
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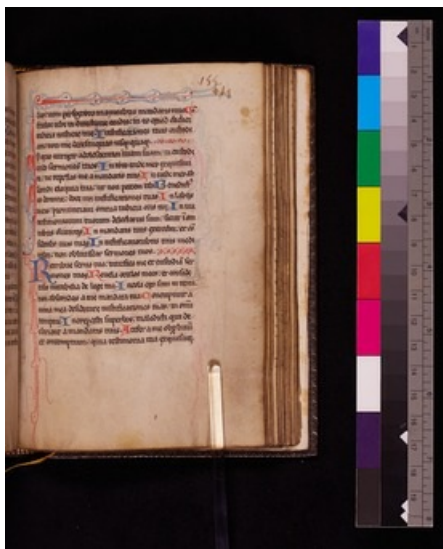
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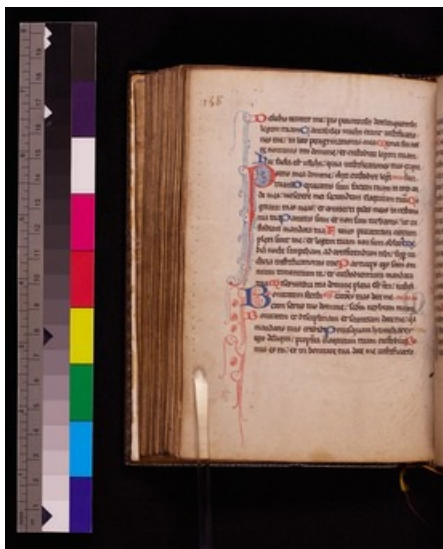
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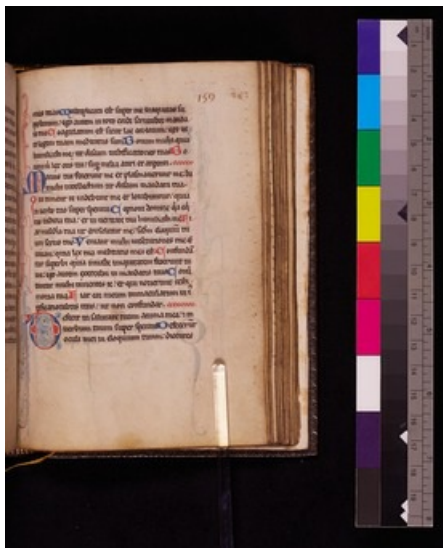
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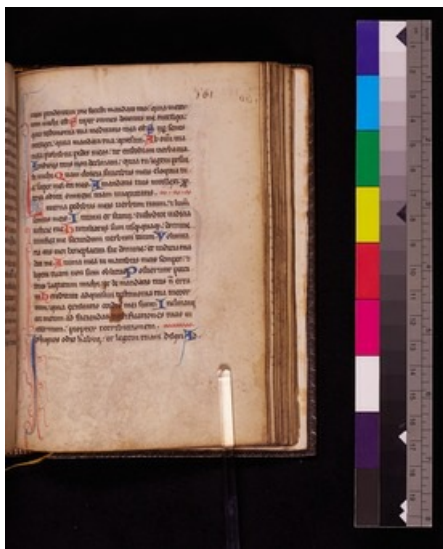
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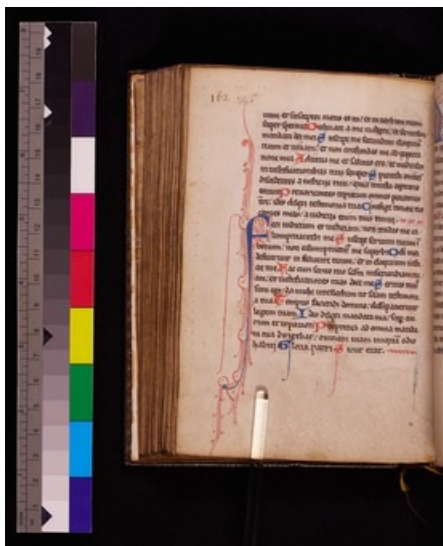
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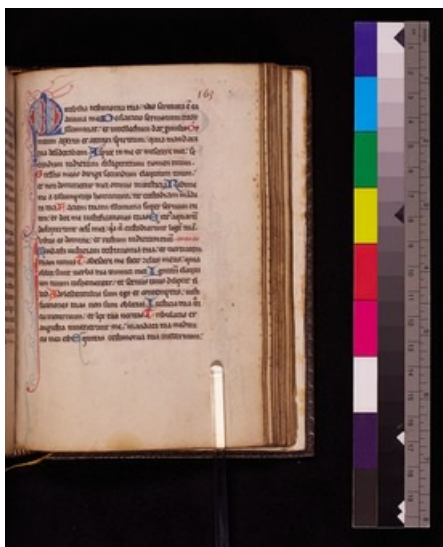
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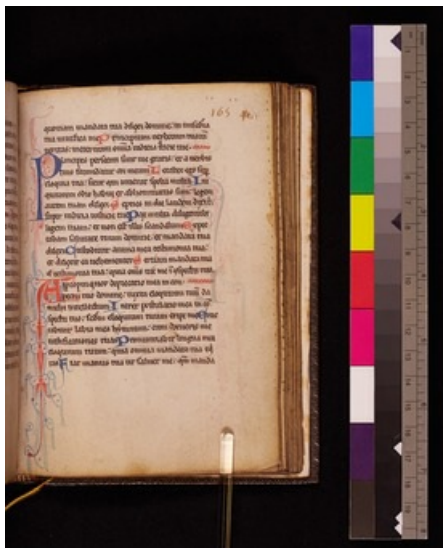
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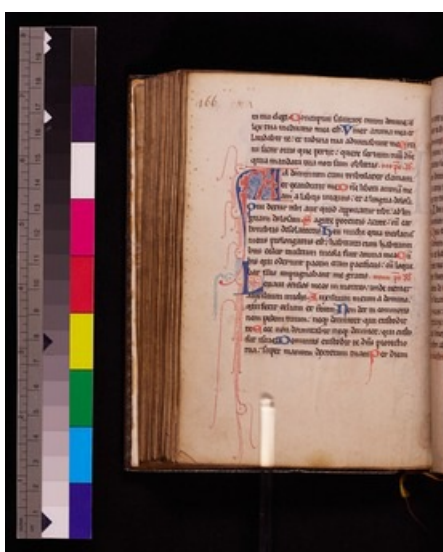
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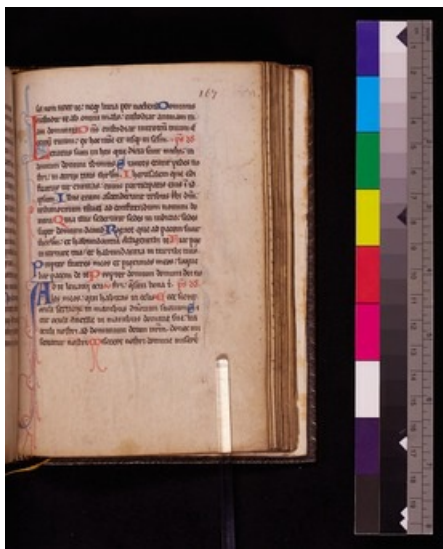
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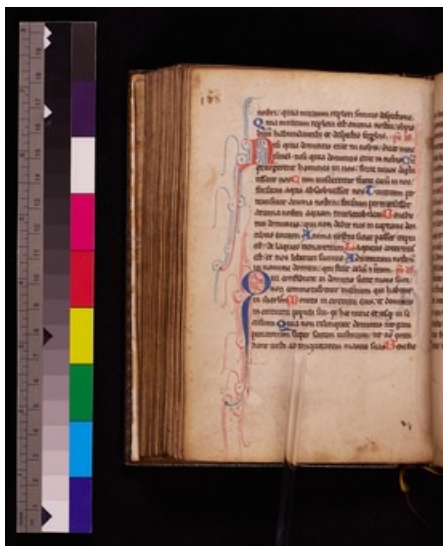
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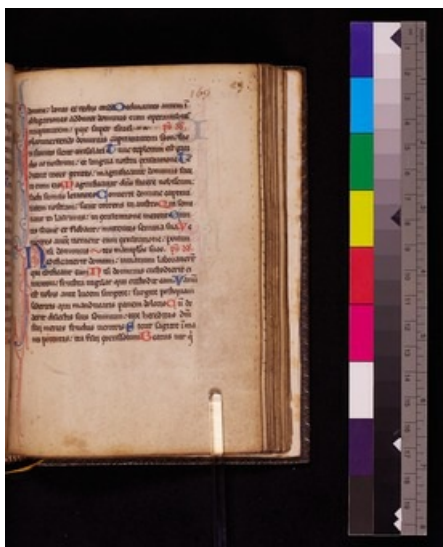
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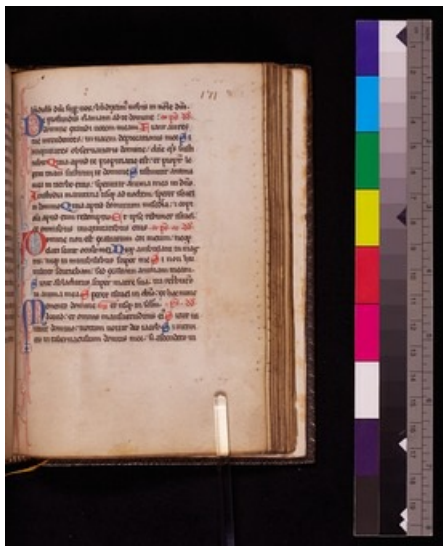
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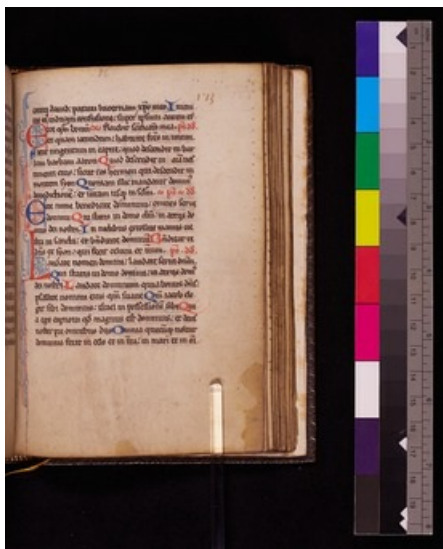
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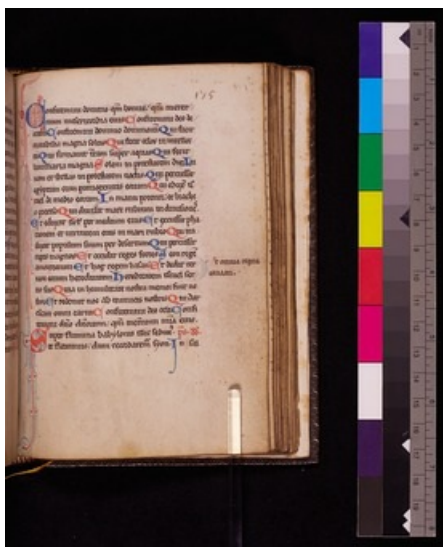
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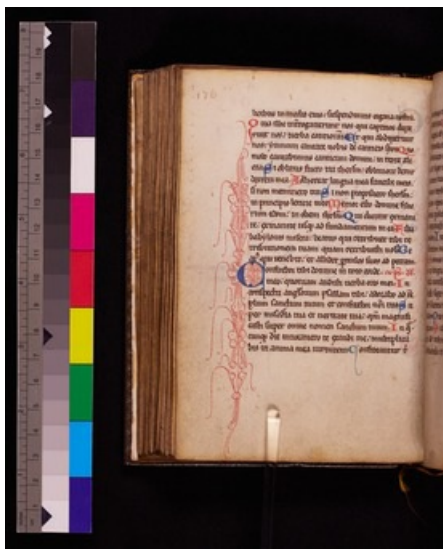
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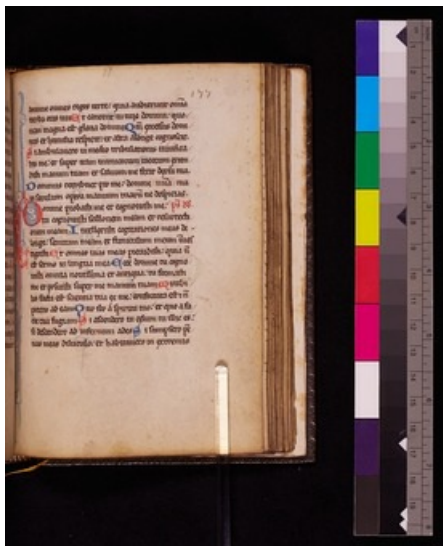
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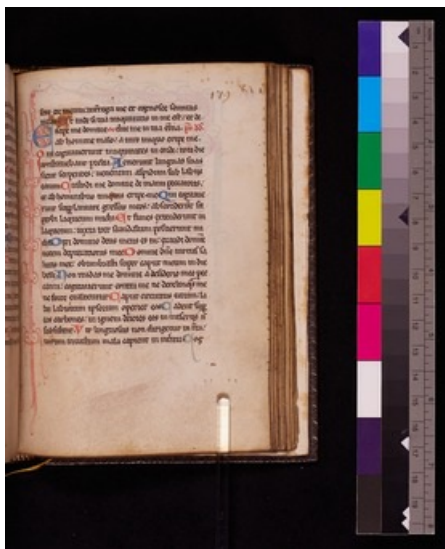
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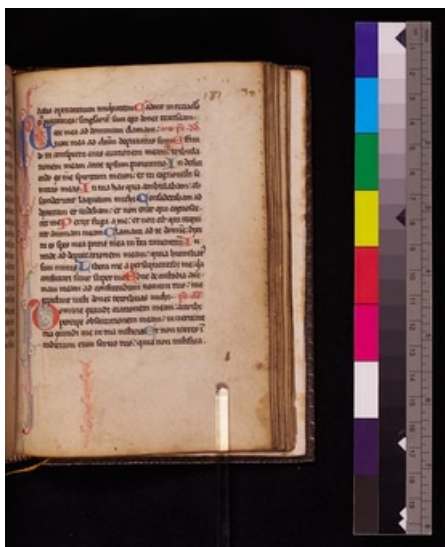
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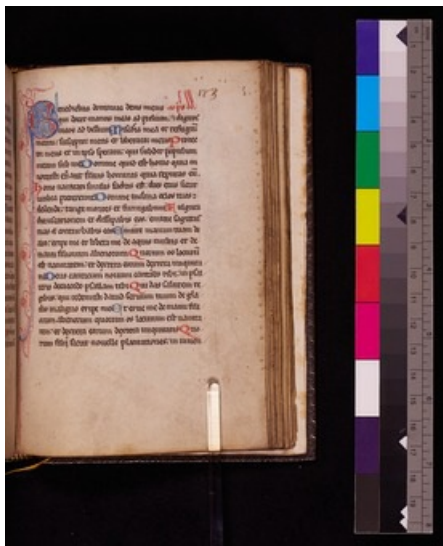
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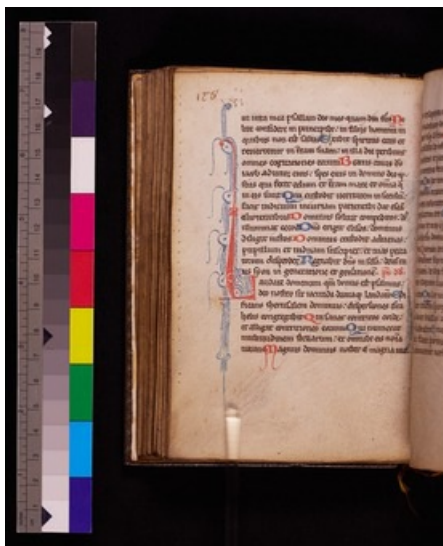
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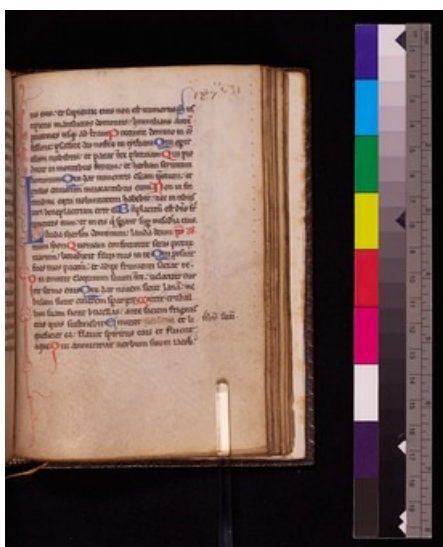
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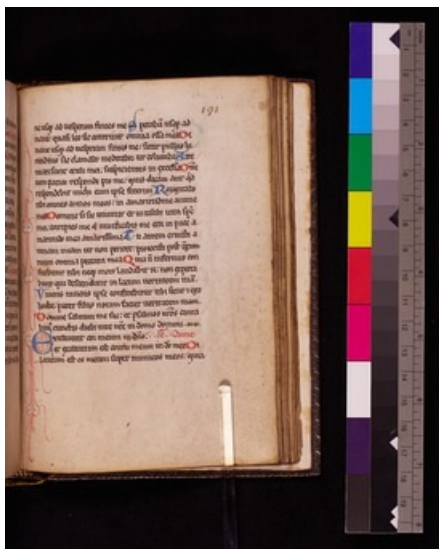
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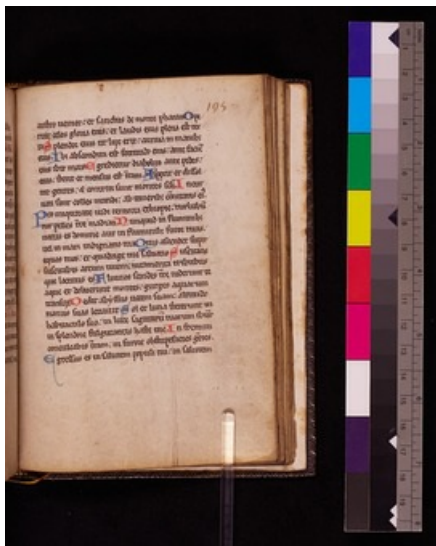
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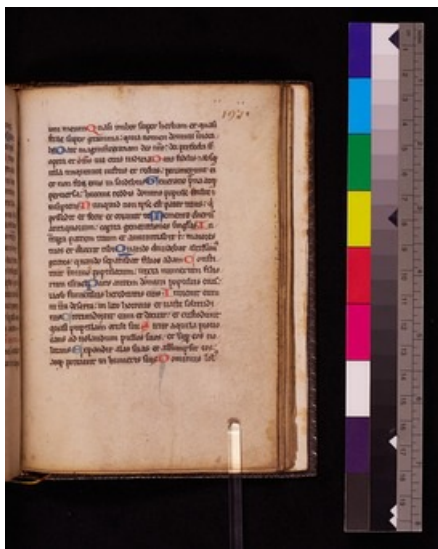
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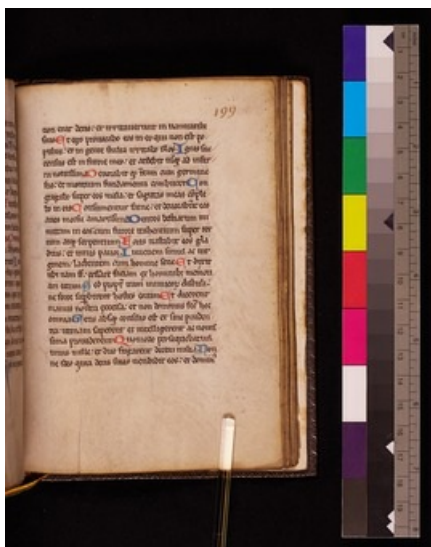
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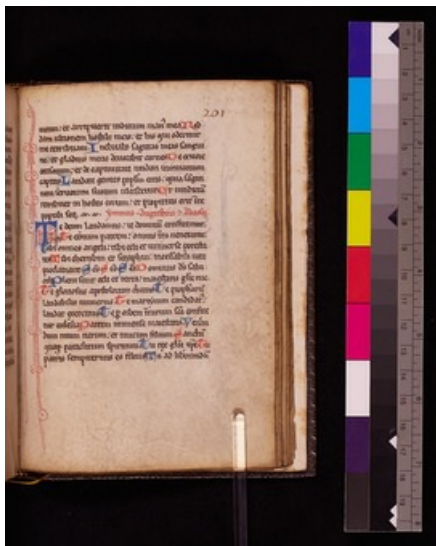
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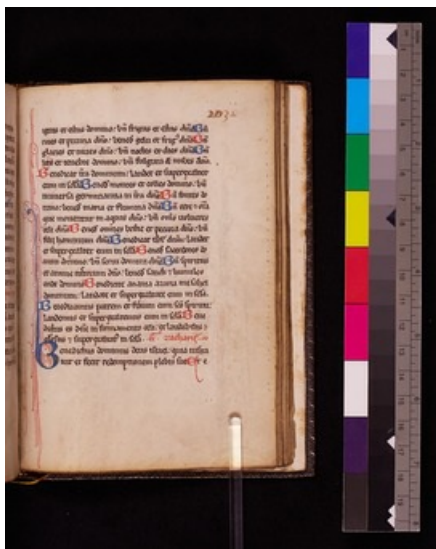
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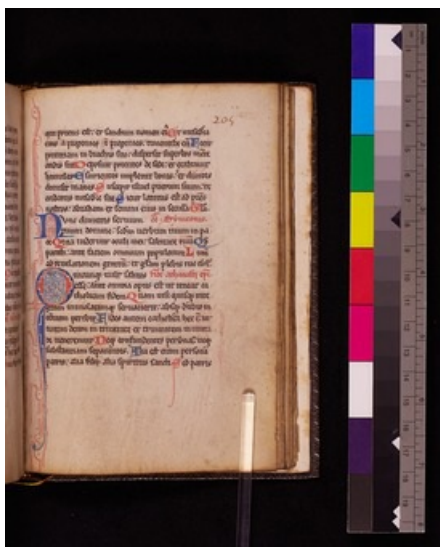
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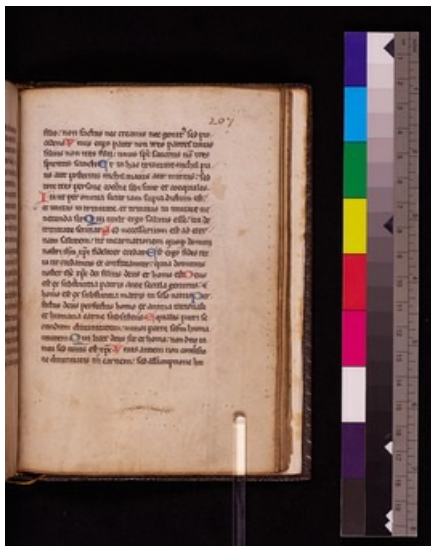
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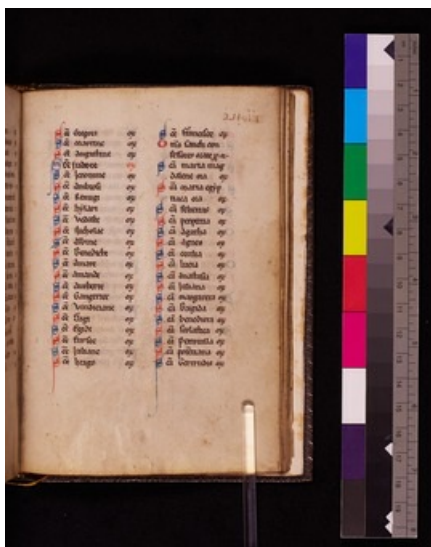
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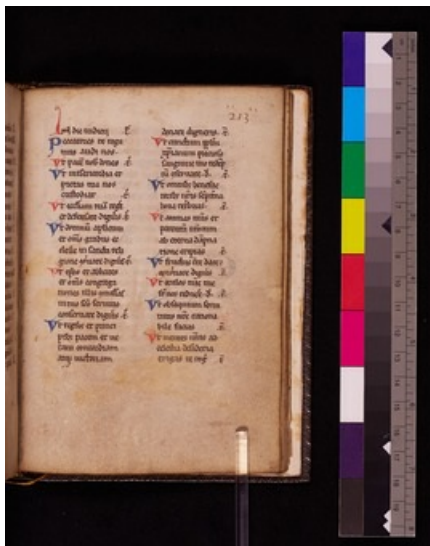
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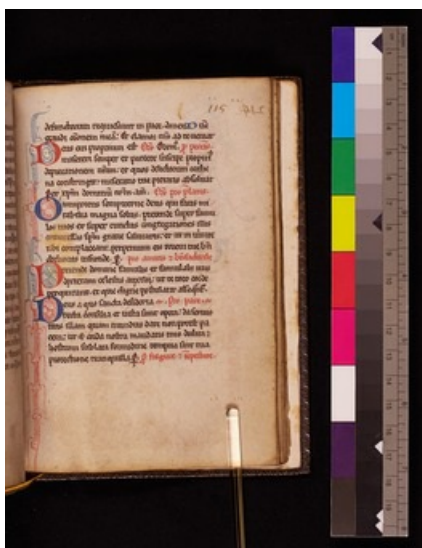
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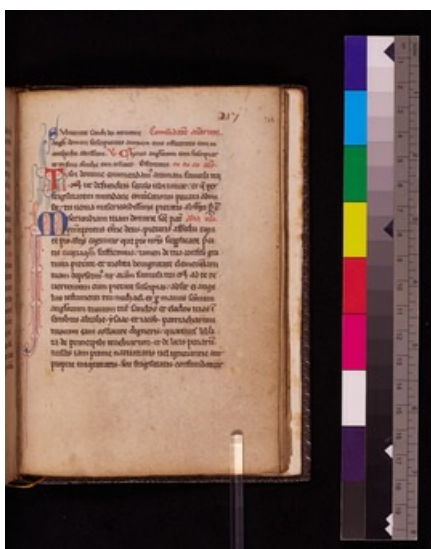
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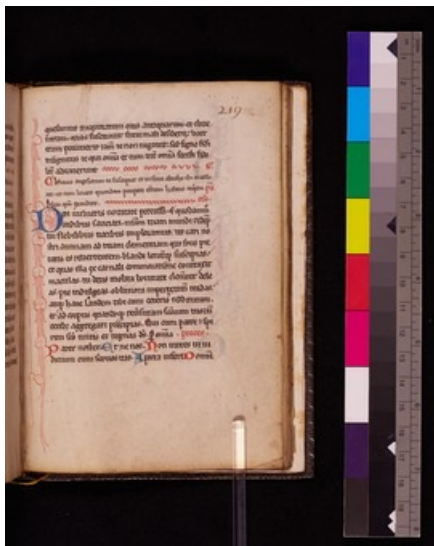
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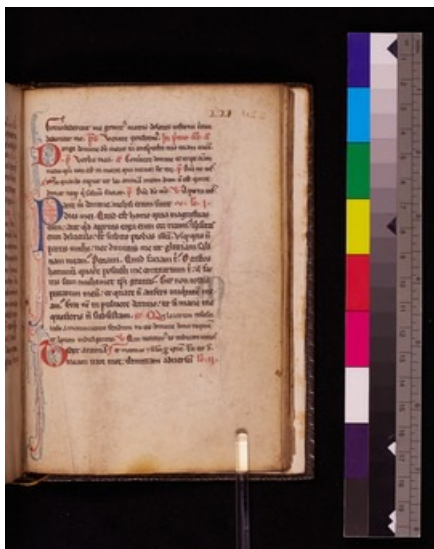
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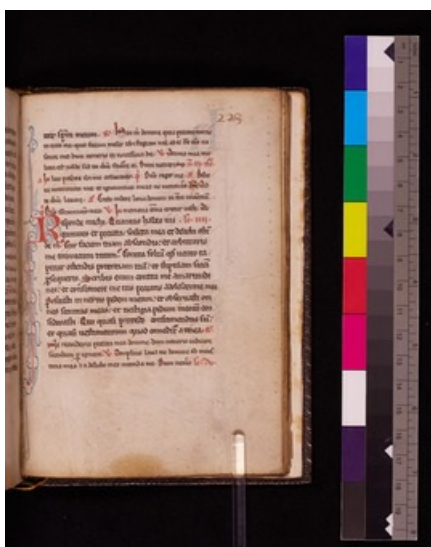
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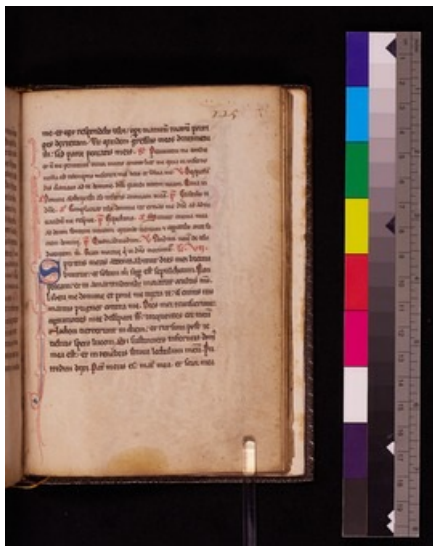
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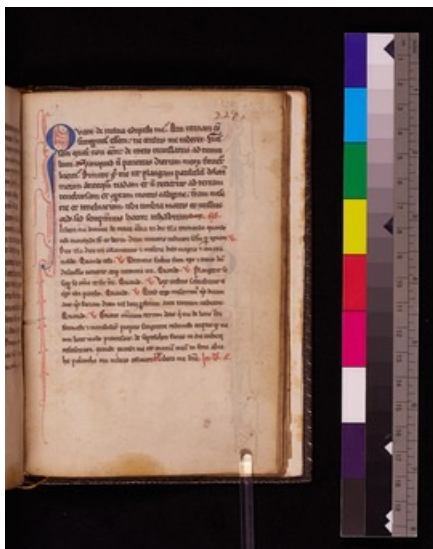
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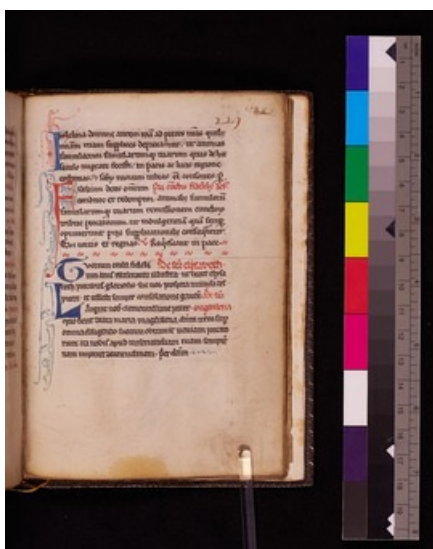
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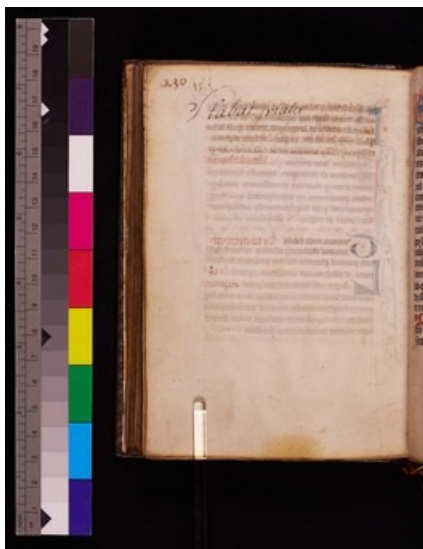
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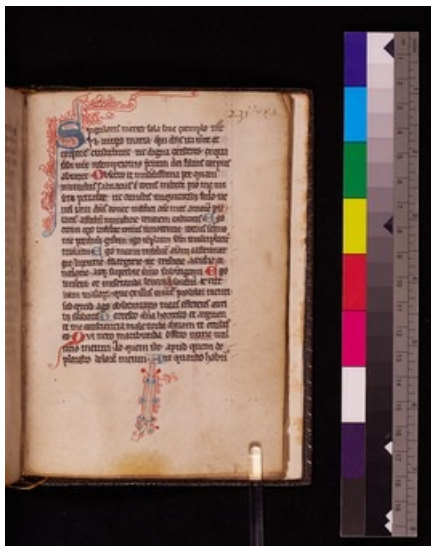
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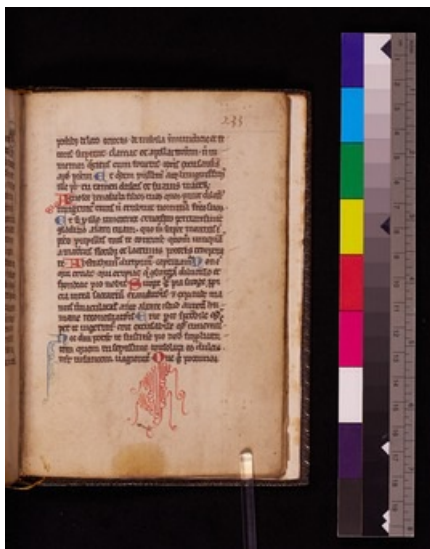
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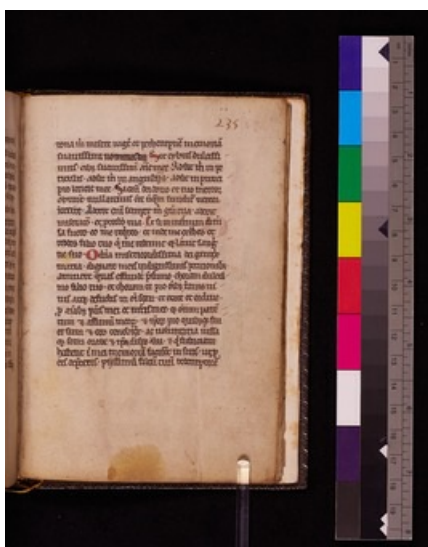
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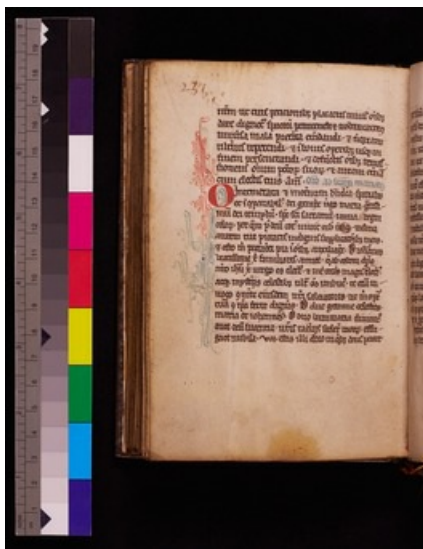
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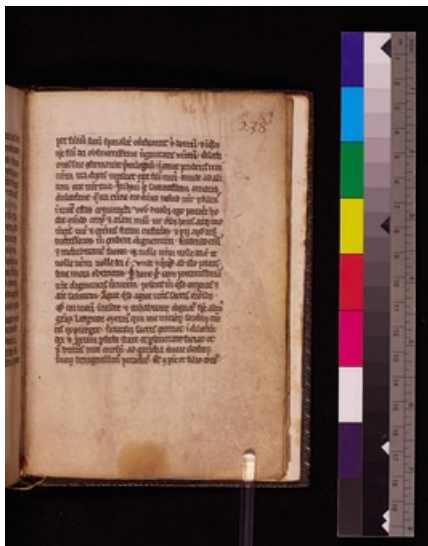
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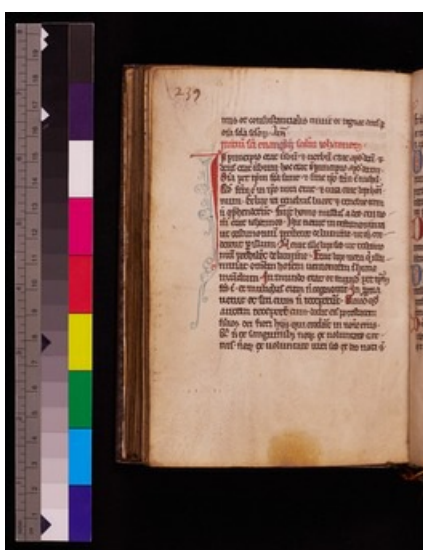
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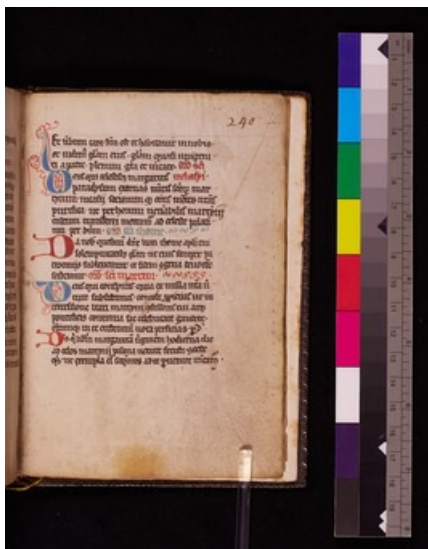
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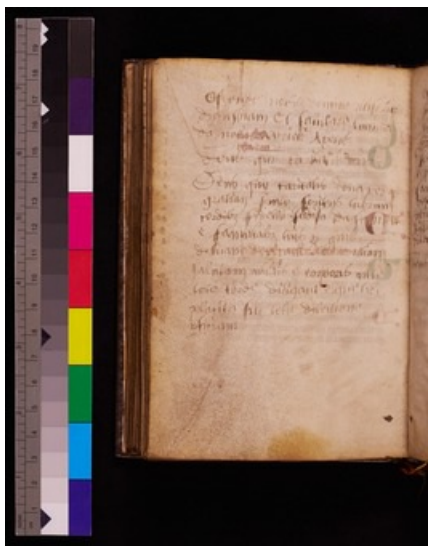
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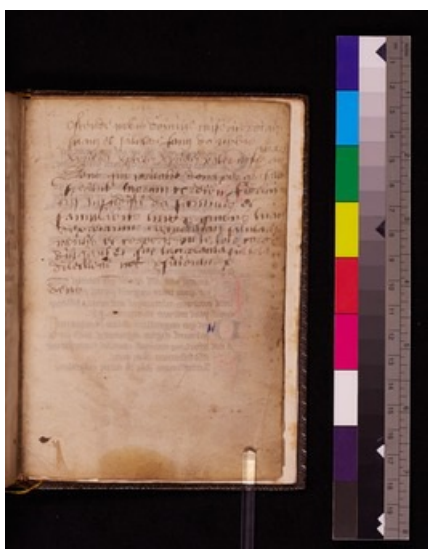
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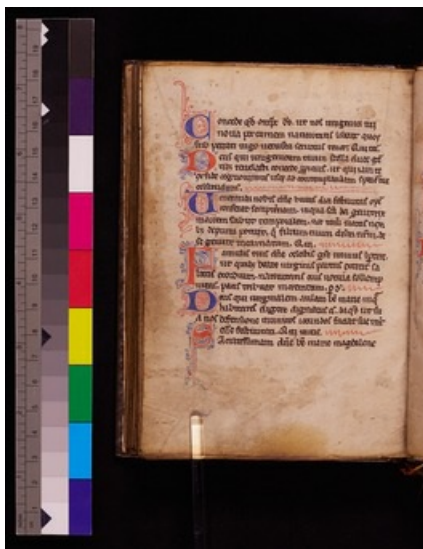
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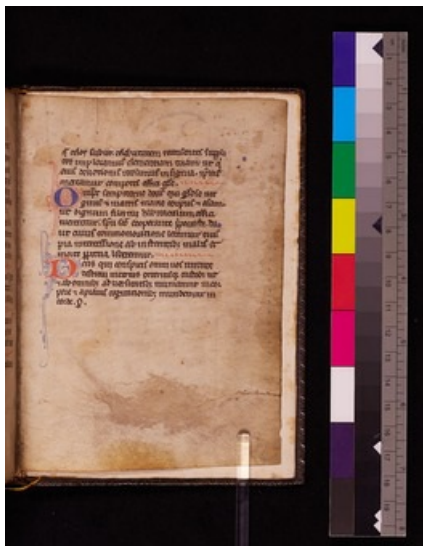
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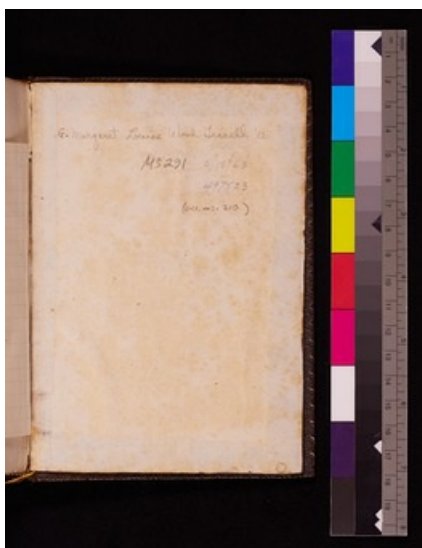
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